All elementary school students in Fremont, Newark, and Union City public schools are encouraged to enter this poster contest.

Posters must:
• include the words “Habitat Means Home”
• be drawings of plant(s) or animal(s) in the habitats that can be found at Coyote Hills Regional Park. (A list of common species and habitats is included on the back of this flyer.)
• be original art work produced by the student
• be on 12” x 18” paper
• Your artwork may be of a single species but you must show the species in its habitat.

Posters that do not meet these requirements will be disqualified.

The attached questionnaire must be completed and taped to the back of the poster. All answers must be in the student’s own words. Posters that do not include a completed questionnaire will be disqualified.

Posters will be judged on the student’s ability to express through drawing and words why “habitat” is important to plants and animals.

Tracings or computer generated work will not be accepted. Students may use crayon, poster paint, markers, pastels, pen and ink, and watercolor to create their posters. Laminated entries will be accepted.

Entrants should be aware posters will be on public display and that posters on thin paper could be subject to damage. We will make every effort to return artwork in its original condition, but that cannot be guaranteed. We cannot display fragile or 3-dimensional posters.

Winning posters will be on display at the Coyote Hills Visitor Center and depending upon the volume of entries received, all posters will be on display beginning May 14, 2016 on a rotational basis until May 30, 2016. All posters will be returned to the students’ schools in early June 2016. Submitted posters and responses to questions may appear on the websites of the Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge, Friends of Coyote Hills, and Ohlone Audubon Society.

Prizes will be awarded May 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Coyote Hills Regional Park Visitor Center.

The school of the student whose poster is awarded 1st place will win $500 to enhance the learning habitat of all students. Individual prizes will be awarded to students for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and honorable mention posters.

Posters must be submitted by mail/person to:

Coyote Hills Regional Park
8000 Patterson Ranch Road
Fremont, CA 94555
Attn: Kristina Parkinson

Visitor Center open: Wed. - Sun.
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more info: send an e-mail to: chposters@gmail.com
and we will answer your question(s) by e-mail.

Contest Deadline: All posters must be received at Coyote Hills Regional Park by Friday, April 29, 2016 by 4:00 p.m.

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Coyote Hills Regional Park is a very special place. It is home to many different habitats. The habitats found in and around the park include: seasonal wetland, pickleweed wetland, grassland, open water ponds, shrubland, oak woodland, willow woodland, developed woodland, Alameda Flood Control Channel, and the saltponds. Each habitat type has its own set of plants and animals. This variety of habitats is responsible for the tremendous number of different plants and animals that can be found in and around the park. The list below includes some of the species you might see on a visit to the park.

**Flora:**
- American bulrush
- blue-eyed grass
- buckeye
- California poppy
- cattails
- coast live oak
- coyote brush
- California soaproot
- toyon

**Amphibians:**
- California slender salamander
- Pacific chorus frog

**Reptiles:**
- common kingsnake
- Pacific gopher snake
- Western aquatic garter snake
- Western fence lizard

**Mammals:**
- black-tailed deer
- black-tailed hare
- Botta pocket gopher
- California ground squirrel
- California meadow mouse
- gray fox
- muskrat
- raccoon
- salt marsh harvest mouse
- striped skunk
- Virginia opossum

**Birds:**
- American Avocet
- American Coot
- American Goldfinch
- American Green-winged Teal
- American Kestrel
- American Robin

**Birds Continued:**
- Anna’s Hummingbird
- Barn Swallow
- Black-crowned Night Heron
- Black Phoebe
- Black-necked Stilt
- Bushtit
- California Quail
- Cinnamon Teal
- Common Barn Owl
- Common Yellowthroat
- Cooper’s Hawk
- Downy Woodpecker
- Great Blue Heron
- Great Egret
- Great Horned Owl
- Killdeer
- Golden-crowned Sparrow
- Loggerhead Shrike
- Marsh Wren
- Northern Flicker
- Northern Harrier
- Peregrine Falcon
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Ring-necked Pheasant
- Say’s Phoebe
- Scrub Jay
- Snowy Egret
- Song Sparrow
- Tree Swallow
- Virginia Rail
- Western Meadowlark
- White-tailed Kite
- White-crowned Sparrow

**Check This Out!**

You can learn more about the habitats and species of Coyote Hills Regional Park by visiting the park.

To see pictures of the park and some of the species that can be found at the park you can visit the following websites. (Please supervise your student while he or she is viewing the web.) Please use the photos on these websites for reference purposes only and do not copy the photos without first obtaining permission.

To view panoramic pictures of the park you can visit:


To view pictures of habitats and species you can visit the Protect Coyote Hills website at: [http://www.protectcoyotehills.org/photo.html](http://www.protectcoyotehills.org/photo.html)

Jerry Ting photography at: [https://www.flickr.com/search/?user_id=55286571%40N00&view_all=1&text=coyote%20hills](https://www.flickr.com/search/?user_id=55286571%40N00&view_all=1&text=coyote%20hills)
Habitat Means HOME
Poster Contest

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Name of Habitat and Species: __________________________________________

School: ___________________________________________________________

Grade: _______________ Teacher: _______________________________________

School Phone Number: _______________________________________________

Student Home Address*: _____________________________________________

Home Phone Number*: _______________________________________________

Parent E-mail Address*: _____________________________________________
* This information must be provided. Please write clearly and accurately. We need to be able to contact you for winner notification and to return your poster. The following questions MUST be answered:

Why did you choose this habitat and species? __________________________________________

What is something interesting you have learned about the habitat and species you chose?
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Why is it important to you that this habitat and species is protected? __________________________
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What is your favorite habitat at Coyote Hills and why? ________________________________
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Please note that while it is our desire, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to return all submitted posters, and in the condition they were received, as the posters will be on display in a public setting.